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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Logistics

SUBJECT : FBIS Daily Report Printing Requirements

Jim:

1. This responds to your query regarding the potential usefulness of a new P&PD high speed "web" press.

2. P&PD now restricts the total number of Daily Report pages each day to 422 and the total number of pages in a single Daily Report volume to 88 (excluding covers and tables of contents.) These restrictions were established because P&PD has a limited printing and binding capacity. FBIS has a continuing and growing requirement for additional Daily Report pages and would like to see an increase in both the overall limit and the limit on a single Daily Report volume. The following considerations apply.

3. In 1978 our field bureaus filed 80 million publishable words to FBIS Headquarters, the equivalent of 152 thousand pages. Of these, only 97 thousand pages were published in the Daily Reports, largely because of P&PD printing limitations. In 1977 144 thousand pages were filed of which 99 thousand were published. Much of the material not included in the Daily Reports merits publication and is eventually published in the JPRS serials. It would be published in the Daily Reports were it not for current page limitations.

4. Clearly, the overall P&PD page limitation has prevented FBIS from publishing useful information. In addition, and perhaps even more important, the single-volume page limitation often prevents us from publishing highly significant material dealing with important events in a given area, such as the Middle East peace negotiations and the upheaval in Iran. This has happened many times, even when the overall daily page total has been well under the maximum established by P&PD. Elimination of the single-volume 88-page limitation would give us much greater flexibility and enable us to use additional pages for priority areas.

5. Automation of the Daily Report, for which we have requested funding in FY 1981, is another consideration in our desire for more pages. Automation will overcome page curtailments now often resulting from limited typing capacity. Under automation, FBIS would be able to take full advantage of any increase in P&PD printing capacity.

Averages
480
VTD


96 total
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1315
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6. Assuming that at least half of the Daily Report pages discarded in 1978 merited publication, and this is a conservative figure, we estimate that FBIS has a requirement for an additional 100 pages daily. In addition, the Daily Report often has a requirement to exceed the 88-page limit for single volume. If P&PD could accommodate these additional pages and larger volumes, it would greatly increase our ability to meet high-priority consumer needs and would enhance the value of our product to a wide range of Agency and government subscribers. We fully support any plans your office may have to increase P&PD printing capacity.

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